



## GIULIO RAPETTI MOGOL

**Giulio Rapetti Mogol** was born in Milan on August 17, 1936. He began his career as a songwriter in 1961 and won the prestigious Sanremo Festival on his debut with "Al di là" co-written with composer Carlo Donida and performed by Luciano Tajoli and Betty Curtis.

Throughout his career, Mogol continued to participate in the **Sanremo Festival**, which is the most popular song contest and awards ceremony in Italy. In 1963 he secured first place again with "Uno per tutte" by Tony Renis, then in 1965 with "Se piangi se ridi" by Bobby Solo, and in 1991 with "Se stiamo insieme" by Riccardo Cocciante.

### **Sanremo Successes:**

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In **1965** Mogol began his collaboration with **Lucio Battisti**, a young composer and musician, which propelled Battisti to the top of the Italian charts in the '70s and '80s.

In **1969**, Mogol, along with Battisti and others, founded the record label **Numero Uno**, competing with major multinational labels in terms of record sales. Mogol has written for a plethora of artists, including Mina, Adriano Celentano, Luigi Tenco, David Bowie, and many others, accumulating a **worldwide sales total of 523 million records**.

In **1981**, he founded the **Nazionale Italiana Cantanti (NIC)** a national football team of Italian artists and singers, initially serving as President and later as Captain. NIC has supported numerous humanitarian initiatives, allocating around 100 million euros to children in need

In **1992** Mogol founded **CET (Centro Europeo di Toscolano)** in Avigliano Umbro, a non-profit organization recognized by the State for its public interest. CET focuses on popular culture, medicine and the environment and has received accreditation from the University of Tuscia for organizing courses in poetic criticism and authorship.

In the **field of popular culture** CET organizes highly advanced courses for authors, performers, composers and producers and has graduated more than 3000 students.

In the **medical field**, CET is involved in assessing and developing the overall defense of the human body. Mogol has been invited to speak at various universities, including the University of Bologna, the University of Siena, and “La Sapienza” University of Rome.

In **2008**, CET, in collaboration with Terni hospital and environmental policy department of Salerno, sponsored a **protocol on autoimmune diseases**, achieving excellent results in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

The environmental division of CET studies long and medium-term projects to make **city life more sustainable**. Mogol has also collaborated with the University of Tuscia on a research project to replace pesticides with essential oils.

In 2008, the "**Mogol Prize**" was established by the Valle d'Aosta Region, awarding the best Italian song writing lyric of the year. The award ceremony was televised over three episodes on RAI 1 and reached a large TV audience

In **2010-2011**, Mogol wrote the lyrics for "**La Capinera**", a modern melodrama in two acts composed by Gianni Bella, based on Giovanni Verga's novel "Storia di una Capinera". The conductor Gustav Kuhn, and artist Jon Marin both called it “a masterpiece”

In October **2012**, he published the book "**Le Ciliegie e le Amarene**" with Minerva Editrice, winning the Milan Book Fair Prize. Pope Francis described it as "a compendium of wisdom".

On July 5, **2013**, the University of Palermo awarded him an honorary masters degree in Communication Theories. In the same year, he and his wife Daniela Gimmelli became godparents of the non-profit association "**L'emozione non ha voce**," (Emotions have no voice) created by seven mothers of autistic children.

In **2016**, Mogol was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature and was appointed **Commander of the Italian Republic**, by the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella. On November 14, 2016, he received the "Dante d'Oro" from Bocconi University in Milan.

In November **2017**, he received the University Seal of the “Federico II” University of Naples and in March 2018, he received the University Seal of the University of Urbino.

He received the "Giacomo Leopardi" Prize and the "Giovanni Porta" Prize from the National Authority for Leopardian Studies.

The Italian Consulate in Boston invited him to preside over the "Berklee meets Mogol" concert in October 2018. In the same period, he was invited by Harvard University to lecture on pop music and meet students.

On October 1, **2018**, he was unanimously elected **President of SIAE** (Italian Society of Authors and Publishers).

In October 2018, he was awarded the "Order of Minerva," the highest honor conferred by the University "Gabriele D'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara.

On November 29, 2018, he published "**Le arance e i limoni. Aforismi pensieri e parole**" with Minerva Editrice.

On December 9, 2018, the world premiere of "La Capinera" took place at the Bellini Theater in Catania, directed and set-designed by the Oscar-winner Dante Ferretti.

In June **2020**, together with film director Ferzan Özpetek, Mogol instituted the first **National Day for healthcare personnel**, commemorating doctors and healthcare workers, "to honor the work, commitment, and sacrifice of medical personnel during the Coronavirus pandemic". The day is recognised each year on 20 February, chosen because it was the day on which "patient one" was discovered.

In September **2021**, the University "G. D'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara and CET collaborated on the establishment of a university masters degree entitled "Thoughts and Words. A course exploring the connections between poetry, performance, and creative writing, aimed at those seeking specialization in the field of singing, song writing and popular music.

On September 29, 2021, in Rome's Parco Archeologico del Colosseo, he was named an "Honorary Police Officer" by the State Police.

On October 23, 2021, he received the Tenco Prize, dedicating it to his wife Daniela and Luigi Tenco.

In September **2022**, after four years as President of SIAE, where he fiercely defended the rights of authors and copyright, he was appointed Honorary President of SIAE.

In December 2022, he was appointed "**Advisor for Popular Culture**" by the Minister of Culture Gennaro Sangiuliano.

In December 2022, he was invited by the President of the Senate, Ignazio La Russa, to ring the "bell" for the commencement of the Christmas concert at the Senate. He was also

invited by the Chamber of Deputies to hold the Christmas concert, the first concert of popular music held in Parliament.

In **2023**, Don Giuseppe Capsoni identified a spiritual thread in Mogol's songs, which he discussed in his book titled "I received a gift, I give it to you: Spiritual reflections in Mogol's lyrics." Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi, President of the Italian Episcopal Conference, wrote the preface to the book, stating: "In Mogol's poetry, there is so much humanity, and, being a poet himself, he helps us delve into the profound folds of life, into emotions, thoughts, and words that express and evoke in turn emotions, thoughts, and words otherwise buried in the abyss that is the human heart. In heaven, we will sing his songs."

On September 29, 2023, the "Arteve" University of Arts in Tirana awarded him an honorary doctorate.

**His latest project is a book called “La Rinascita”** (Rebirth) which discusses primary health prevention and is a work that Mogol calls his spiritual testament. The book comprises of useful tips and advice on how to avoid falling ill, written in clear and pragmatic language. The work will be presented to the public by the Ministry of Health.